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SUBJ: STATUS OF MANPOWER COOPERATION UNDER US-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION

REFS: A. TEHRAN 4285 B. STATE 109076 C. STATE 109077

1. SINCE MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF LABOR UNDERSECRETARY FARZANEH ON 5 MAY (SEE REF A.) THERE HAS BEEN NO PERCEPTIBLE FORWARD MOVEMENT ON RESOLVING ADVANCE PAYMENT PROBLEM. DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EMPLOYMENT ALI ANSARIAN HAS INFORMALLY ADVISED LABOR REPORTING OFFICER THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD TAKEN UP MATTER, BUT IN ANOTHER TELCON WITH UNDERSECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND RESEARCH NASSERI ON 9 JUNE LATTER COULD NOT CONFIRM THIS AND STATED THAT MINISTRY HAVING VARIOUS UNSPECIFIED PROBLEMS WITH PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION. NASSERI WAS PLANNING TO SEE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE UNDERSECREATRY MEHRAN SAME DAY AND SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER MATTERS, POSSIBILITY OF GETTING MINISTER ANSARY'S ATTENTION FOCUSED ON OUR PROBLEM.

2. SINCE MINLAB, PER REF A, HAS NOT BEEN IN POSITION TO PROCEED WITH PLANNING FOR IRANIAN TEAM VISITS TO U.S., EXCELLENT PROGRAMS DEVELOPED BY USDL AND HEW FOR TEAMS AS FORWARDED IN REFS B AND C HAVE NOT BEEN TRANSMITTED TO MINLAB. IF VISITS PUT BACK ON TRACK, SOME CHANGES WILL NO DOUBT BE REQUIRED AS TO NUMBERS OF EXPERTS VISITING, DURATION OF PROGRAM, AND COSTING.

3. ANSARIAN (SEE PARA ONE), REFERRING TO PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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MANPOWER ADVISOR MERSON ON DESIRABILITY OF STAFF TRAINING IN U.S., HAS ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR FIVE MINLAB SPECIALISTS IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, CURRENTLY IN U.K. FOR FOUR MONTHS' TRAINING, TO CONTINUE ON TO U.S. FOR ADDITIONAL TWO MONTHS'ON-THE-JOB

TRAINING AFTER COMPLETION OF COURSES IN U.K. WHEN EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT SUCH TRAINING MIGHT BE CONSIDERED UNDER PROJECT SEVEN OF DRAFT PROGRAM AGREEMENT (REIMBURSABLE JOB SITE TRAINING IN U.S. GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR FOR SELECTED IRANIANS ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS), ANSARIAN CLARIFIED BY STATING THAT HE WISHED U.S. TO EXPLORE THIS TRAINING POSSIBILITY OUTSIDE OF FRAMEWORK OF USIRJC COLLABORATION, AND ON NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS SINCE NO FUNDS, OTHER THAN

FOR TRAVEL AND PERDIEM, AVAILABLE TO MINLAB AS OF NOW. ANSARIAN ASKED THAT EMBOFF SEEK WASHINGTON REACTION AND IF AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE OBTAINED, HE WOULD FORWARD SPECIFICS. FIVE OFFICERS HAVE AT LEAST FOUR YEARS EXPERIENCE, BUT NOT ALL ARE COMPETENT IN ENGLISH. ANSARIAN EXPECTED THAT LANGUAGE TRAINING AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE IN U.K. WOULD IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH.

4. COMMENT: IN EMBASSY VIEW, ANSARIAN'S REQUEST IS STEP BACKWARDS OR AT LEAST SIDEWAYS FROM PROGRAM OF REIMBURSABLE MANPOWER COOPERATION UNDER USIRJC AND ALTHOUGH WE CAN APPRECIATE MINISTRY'S CURRENT BUDGETARY PROBLEM, POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THIS PROPOSAL WOULD UNDERMINE PRINCIPLE OF GOI COMPENSATION OF COSTS INCURRED BY U. S. IN JOINT MANPOWER ACTIVITY, AND MIGHT LEAD TO OTHER SIMILAR PIECEMEAL REQUESTS. BELIEVE OUR RESPONSE TO ANSARIAN'S PROPOSAL SHOULD STRESS U.S. READINESS TO MOVE FORWARD ON BASIS OF DRAFT PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR PRELIMINARY STAGE, CONTENTS OF WHICH WERE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE BY MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE AND ENDORSED BY USIRJC. ALTHOUGH STATE 133816 IS ONLY RECENT CONFIRMATION WE HAVE HAD OF JUNE TRAVEL TO IRAN OF MANPOWER SPECIALIST MERSON, WE WOULD HOPE THAT MERSON COULD ALSO HELP EXPLAIN TO MINLAB NECESSITY OF PROCEEDING IN ORDERLY FASHION TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF PRELIMINARY PHASE AND ULTIMATE SIGNATURE OF PROGRAM AGREEMENT.  
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